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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Stephen G. Evangelides Jr.

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Title: OPTICAL REPEATER EMPLOYED IN AN OPTICAL COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEM HAVING A MODULAR DISPERSION MAP

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Examiner: Unassigned

Docket No.: 9005/20

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application, please enter the following preliminary amendment and remarks: